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Tommy arrived back, after a night motor trip, from Luxembourg this morning and we discussed some of the matters for presentation tomorrow to Stassen and the Mission Chiefs of FOA bearing upon European integration movements.

René Pleven lunched with me. He thinks a constitutional change is inevitable and essential and that in time it will certainly come to pass. We talked of Indo-China, EDC, social reforms, Morocco, Tunisia, fiscal reform, rabbit disease, and the lesser ills that afflict the French body politic. We also discussed a superb bottle of Chateau Latour 1918. He said that General Navarre, who is allegedly doing so well in Indo-China, is the son of one of the most famous Greek professors who ever taught at the Sorbonne.

Douglas Gordon came back to see me and we talked about old houses in Paris, which is a special hobby of his as of mine.

Lister and Eisenberg gave me a short briefing relating to our FAO meeting tomorrow.

It seems the deposed Sultan of Morocco has written from Corsica a letter to President Auriol which commences in a high moral strain but concludes by making requests for his personal comfort and financing which would indicate that his most immediate preoccupation is to guarantee himself a luxurious life. Meanwhile, the new Sultan, an ancient with bourgeois tastes, seems to have been installed without any civil strife. The French Government is expected to act urgently in pushing forward with measures affording a large measure of self-government to the natives. Whether these expectations are realized remains to be seen.

We took Audrey to dinner at the Méditerranée restaurant.

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